

P-20 Council Meeting Notes
Cabinet Room, Townsend Building
Dover, DE
Monday, January 27, 2014

Welcome

State Board of Education President Teri Quinn Gray welcomed Council members as she called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The meeting agenda was highlighted.

Members present: Teri Quinn Gray, Donna Johnson, Mark Murphy, Kelly Sherretz, Jim Wilson, Peggy Bottorff, Terri Hodges, Rhonda Ringer, Jill Cole, Stephanie Smith, Frederika Jenner, and Kendall Massett

Others present: Lisa Peel, Atnre Alleyne

Presenters: Constance Lindsay and Harriett Dichter

P-20 Council Business – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Johnson noted that minutes from the October meeting of the P-20 Council had been distributed to all Council members. Since a quorum of the membership was present, she asked that the minutes be approved as distributed. A motion was made by Dr. Gray from the State Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Frederika Jenner from the Delaware State Education Association and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Early Learning Challenge Grant and Early Learning Initiatives Update

Harriett Dichter, Executive Director for the Office of Early Learning, provided the Council with an update on the framework for Early Childhood in Delaware. She began with the four goals in the Early Learning Challenge Implementation Plan and provided strategies and accomplishments for each goal. Ms. Dichter provided the goals for Delaware's early learning workforce as well as information on the number of staff in various early learning positions in the State, their training as well as average pay. Ms. Dichter distributed information about Delaware Readiness Teams -- who they are, how to become a member and what they accomplish.

Educator Preparation in Delaware – SBE 51 Implementation Steps

Constance Lindsay, Deputy Officer for Educator Prep, Program Policy, Accountability, and Data Analysis in the Department's Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit, provided background information on Senate Bill 51 which is aimed to improve educator preparation in Delaware. She highlighted the major elements of the legislation which address data collection/ accountability, clinical residency experiences, entrance requirements, exit requirements and aligned content (standards, assessments, data and evaluation). The Council was informed on teacher prep

improvement grants which are funded through Race to the Top and are designed to build IHE capacity as they implement SB 51.

State Board of Education Literacy Campaign

Donna Johnson, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, provided a few key points of the State Board's Literacy Campaign that will focus on Education Preparation Programs, Licensure and Certification, Birth to PreK Initiatives and Communication and Community Involvement. The State Board believes that in order to increase the number of students ready for college, career and citizenship, it is imperative that there is focus on the level of literacy necessary to ensure success.

The next meeting of the P-20 Council is scheduled for April 7, 2014 at Noon. Ms. Johnson noted that this year the Council would be meeting on Mondays which would allow Representative Scott and Senator Sokola to attend as the legislature is not in session on Mondays. She stated that the next meeting would be back at Buena Vista in the Buck Library.